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GREETINGS FROM WESTERN KENTUCKY  
UNIVERSITY (PRESIDENT DERO DOWNING  
AND BOARD OF REGENTS)

WE ARE PROUD OF THE GOOD RELATION-  
SHIP WHICH WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY  
HAS ENJOYED WITH ST. JOSEPH'S.

DR. H. H. CHERRY, FOUNDER OF  
WESTERN, TOLD ME BACK IN THE LATE '20s  
OF THE LENGTHY FRIENDSHIP WHICH EXISTED  
BETWEEN HIM AND THE MUCH BELOVED  
FATHER THOMAS J. HAYES. THROUGH THE  
MANY YEARS THAT HAVE MARCHED BY

SINCE THEN, THIS FINE RELATIONSHIP HAS  
CONTINUED. WITH MANY CON  
TRIBUTING TO IT.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED A LOT AND MUCH  
PROGRESS HAS COME ABOUT. A TRULY  
QUANTUM JUMP WAS MADE WHEN NEWMAN  
CENTER-ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHAPEL AND  
FATHER BILL ALLARD CAME TO BOWLING  
GREEN. I PAUSE HERE TO SAY THAT I KNOW,  
PERHAPS AS FEW PEOPLE DO, WHAT GREAT  
WORK FATHER ALLARD HAS DONE AND IS  
DOING WITH THE STUDENTS OF WESTERN  
KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY.

IT WOULD BE PRESUMPTUOUS FOR ME TO  
ESTIMATE FOR MANY OF YOU THE SIGNIFI-  
CANCE OF THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY  
FATHER CHARLES P. BOWLING TO THIS  
PROGRESS AND ACCOMPLISHMENT. RATHER,  
ON BEHALF OF WESTERN, LET ME EXPRESS  
APPRECIATION TO HIM FOR ALL THAT HE HAS  
DONE THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. IRONICALLY  
AND UNDERSTANDABLY, HE HAD TO RETIRE  
FROM MANY OF HIS DUTIES BEFORE HE COULD  
FIND TIME TO FULLY ENJOY ATHLETICS AT  
WESTERN. HIS ENJOYMENT DID NOT CONFINE  
ITSELF TO THE MUNDANE ROLE OF A SITTER

IN THE STANDS. WITHOUT HIS HARDLY  
REALIZING IT, HE WAS GRADUALLY TRANS-  
FORMED FROM A RUN-OF-THE-MINE SPORTS  
FAN LOOKING FOR AN AFTERNOON OR  
EVENING OF EXHILARATING COMPETITION  
TO AN UNORTHODOX COMBINATION OF  
CHAPLAIN, ASSISTANT COACH, TRAINER,  
AND CHEERLEADER. FOR THIS DEMONSTRATION  
OF FRIENDSHIP AND FOR HIS OTHER  
CONTRIBUTIONS, WESTERN IS MOST GRATE-  
FUL. I AM PERSONALLY HONORED NOW TO  
BE THE INSTRUMENT THROUGH WHICH THE  
UNIVERSITY EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION  
AND TRIBUTE.

OUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, WHICH  
OPERATES UNDER A DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI  
AFFAIRS AND A BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
TAKES ACTION ONCE IN A WHILE TO DECLARE  
AN INDIVIDUAL AN HONORARY ALUMNUS.  
ON MORE RARE OCCASIONS AND ONLY UPON  
AUTHORIZATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF  
WESTERN, REPRESENTING THE BOARD OF  
REGENTS, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY BE DECLARED  
TO BE A DISTINGUISHED HONORARY ALUMNUS.

I REPRESENT AT THIS TIME THE ALUMNI  
ASSOCIATION; MR. LEE ROBERTSON,  
DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS; DR. DERO



DOWNING, PRESIDENT OF WESTERN; AND  
THEIR RESPECTIVE BOARDS IN PRESENTING  
TO FATHER CHARLES P. BOWLING THIS  
PLAQUE, WHICH, I AM PROUD TO STATE,  
READS, "DISTINGUISHED HONORARY  
ALUMNUS."